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DEMAND OF TASAR SILK
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the demand for Indian Tasar Silk has increased in foreign markets;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount spent by the Government for the development of this sector during the last three years; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government for increasing production area of Tasar Silk?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) Yes Sir.

(b) The increasing trend in the export earnings from Tasar Silk-Goods during the year 2005-06 as compared to 2004-05 is as under.

EXPORT EARNINGS FROM TASAR SILK-GOODS

Year	Export Earnings# Crore Rs.	Mn.US$
2004-05	101.47	22.58
2005-06	157.72	35.62
Increase	56.25	13.04

Tasar Silk-goods export includes Mixed Blended also, because in that tasar component is high)

(c) Year-wise amount spent by the Government for the development of Tasar Silk sector during the last three years is as follows:

Years	Amount spent by the Govt. (Rs. Lakhs)
2003-04	454.341
2004-05	489.295
2005-06	635.885

(d) i) During the X th Plan, farmers have been assisted to maintain approximately 4480 hectares of tasar food plants (upto 2005- 06) under the Scheme "Assistance to tasar seed rearers for maintenance of systematic tasar plantation," for production of quality tasar cocoons.

ii) Under special SGSY Projects for development of Tasar and sericulture in Bihar and Jharkhand, block and chawki plantations of tasar food plants were raised in wastelands, denuded forestlands etc.

iii) For the development of Oak Tasar sector, a project entitled "Development of Tasar" is being implemented in Chamoli and Rudraprayag districts of Uttaranchal.

iv) The Sub-Group on Sericulture has recommended an allocation of Rs. 30.78 crores during the XI Plan period for development of Tasar Sector (Seed & Cocoon).